# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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Tourist Visa for Yoga Followers
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide tourist visa to foreigners in view of their increasing interest in yoga;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): Government of India is providing e- Visa with 3 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist Visa, e-Business Visa and e-Medical Visa.

Under e-Tourist Visa, the following activities are permitted:

"Recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, and attending a short term yoga programme".

The e-Visa requirement have also been liberalized and simplified recently. The window for application under e-Visa has been increased from 30 days to 120 days. The duration of stay in India under e-Visa has also been increased from 30 days to 60 days.

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